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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. 

SUBJECT : Training Course for DD/S&T


1. The suggestion to establish a DD/S&T course was discussed at a recent Career Board meeting. There is a recognized need for providing better communications within the Directorate. Whether or not such a course would satisfy this need is questioned. On a much broader scale we now have the Directorate Career Course lasting some six or seven months but which serves fewer people. An attitude expressed by at least one of the members of the Board was that a course such as this often provides little more than a "show and tell" about a lot of things which perhaps a broad base of Directorate personnel should not be exposed to.

2. The Directorate is covered at least in brief in a number of other courses put on by the Office of Training. The time already taken by senior officers of the Directorate in providing briefings and course material is extensive. To try to work in an additional periodic, short review course might well cost more than it is worth.

3. In principle, one cannot argue the need to provide Directorate overview to a large number of people to "enhance esprit and promote cooperation and mutual understanding." Whether or not such a review course as the one suggested is the best way to provide this is open to question.

4. As a bureaucratic truism, although OTR is suggested as the unit to run the course, my experience would find DD/S&T doing it with little help from the outside. We are not geared to conduct courses three or four times a year.

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